



The Rev. Dr. Paul H. Spohn

November 12, 2019

The Rev. Dr. Paul H. Spohn, 86, of Allentown, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, November 12th.

He was the husband of Jane Ann (Sassaman) Spohn to whom he was married for 63 years. Born on July 23, 1933, he was the son of the late Paul R. and Helen Spohn. Paul (otherwise known as Skip) grew up in Wescosville and was a 1951 graduate of Allen High School and a 1955 graduate of Muhlenberg College. He earned a Master of Divinity at The Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1958 and a Doctor of Ministry at Eastern Baptist Seminary in 1990. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Hellertown.

After becoming an ordained Lutheran minister, his callings took him from Grimsville Parish in Kutztown (1958 – 1961) to Kempton/Stony Run Parish in Kempton (1961-1967) and then to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lehighton - where he mostly raised his family (1967-1983). His final parish calling was to St. John's Lutheran Church in Nazareth (1983-1989). He fulfilled his service to the Lutheran Church by becoming the Northeastern PA Synod Mission Director and Associate to the Bishop (1989 – 1998). He proudly served on the Muhlenberg College Board of Trustees for 14 years, and he also served on the Boards of the Lutheran Home at Topton, the Hemophilia Society, and Wayne Memorial Hospital.

In retirement, Paul moved to Hemlock Farms in Hawley to surround himself in the wilderness and get to know the many deer, bear, turkeys, and other wild animals that would visit his yard. He also loved being close to his beloved Pecks Pond where he spent many an hour with family and friends. Paul loved hunting, golfing, camping, and fishing and enjoyed sharing many “fish tales”.

Paul and Jane Ann moved to Allentown in 2010.

In his final years, Paul wrote about his life’s journey in a book he titled “My Book, My life’s journey; artifacts and gems along the road”. While it did not garnish any high literary accolades, it certainly gave a beautiful overview of his life.

In addition to his wife, Jane Ann, Paul is survived by his three children and their spouses, Deborah Spohn and husband, David Dimmit, Peter Spohn and his wife Karen, Philip Spohn and his wife Lenore and seven grandchildren. Patricia (Keiser) Bittner, wife of Larry Bittner, was a devoted blessing in his life along with Fred Keiser, Heng Leng, and Chhap Leng.

A service of celebration and thanksgiving will be held on Saturday, November 23rd, 2019 at 11 AM at Nativity Lutheran Church, 4004 Tilghman St., Allentown, PA. Please feel free to join the family for coffee from 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM at the church. Following the worship, there will also be an opportunity to gather in the church community room for a meal and fellowship.

Memorial gifts can be made to the Rev. Dr. Paul H. and Mrs. Jane Ann Spohn Scholarship Fund at Muhlenberg College, 2400 Chew St., Allentown, PA. 18104. Attn: Office of Advancement/Mark Mazer,

Or

Christ Lutheran Church, 69 Main St, Hellertown, PA 18055. Attn: Paul Spohn Memorial Fund.

Previous Events

Calling Hour

NOV **23**. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

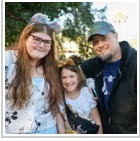
Nativity Lutheran Church
4004 Tilghman St.
Allentown, PA 18104

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pastor Spohn, thank you for your patience with me and guidance along the right path. May you rest in peace.* ”



Ben Miller - November 23, 2019 at 08:22 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of The Rev. Dr. Paul H. Spohn.* ”



November 21, 2019 at 09:38 AM



“ *Barbara, Mike, Mickey, Molly, Kerri, Connor Maggie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of The Rev. Dr. Paul H. Spohn.* ”



Barbara, Mike, Mickey, Molly, Kerri, Connor Maggie -
November 20, 2019 at 01:39 PM

JF

“ Jackie, Sterling, Peter & Veronica Frey purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of The Rev. Dr. Paul H. Spohn.



Jackie, Sterling, Peter & Veronica Frey - November 17, 2019 at 08:43 PM



“ Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of The Rev. Dr. Paul H. Spohn.



November 17, 2019 at 02:07 PM



“ Thinking of Pr Spohn after all these years brought a smile to my face and a gleam to the eye..and perhaps a snicker or two. He was pastor during my coming of age as an Eagle Scout and High School graduation. When he wasnt getting dunked in Hollys pool at Luther League...he was snapping his finger and catching a sunny off the dock....one snap per cast per fish! A beloved man. Thanks for coming to Nazareth.

Lewis Messinger - November 15, 2019 at 02:54 PM

GS

“ Jane Ann,

I was about to email Phillip to find out how Paul was doing. All the Synod E-mail said was that Paul Spohn was ill.

I was sorry to read of his death in the special announcement by the Synod yesterday. Paul and I became friends when we took Freshman Biology at Muhlenberg. We studied together in the college library and got pretty good grades. Our friendship continued through the years. We looked forward to seeing the two of you at the Borderline Restaurant when retired pastors gather for breakfast monthly.

We hope to be with you and your family at Paul's funeral service on November 23.

May resurrection hope be a source of comfort to all of you at this sad time.

Your special friends,

George and Becky Spieker

George F. Spieker - November 13, 2019 at 11:44 AM

ED

“ He and Jane ann took me under their wings when I left my first husband with 2 kids and no parents. Our back yards connected, so I spent many days in their kitchen drinking coffee and talking, and fast becoming friends. They talked me into going on a blind date with my eventually late husband, Larry. They were my refuge in a storm. He talked to me, not preached to me, about everything. Love them both so much. I'm sorry i didn't get to visit with them this past summer on my trip back east, but they will always be in my mind and my heart. RIP skip!

Eilene Dietrich - November 13, 2019 at 10:35 AM

MS

“ He was a great help in working with me on one of the highest honors in girl scouts. My God home and Country award. He was a great inspiration.
You will be greatly missed.
Mary Heine Snyder

Mary Heine Snyder - November 12, 2019 at 08:28 PM

SS

Pastor Spohn played a large part in my and my family's lives. We spent time camping and playing together and finally, he married my husband and me in 1983. I have thought of him and his family fondly through the years. God blessed us all by giving us a great man... Sandi Scholl-Bird

Sandi Scholl-Bird - November 13, 2019 at 09:56 PM